

11.01.050 Payment of Bills.

- (3) Payment must be made without regard to any counter claims, whatever, and failure to receive the bills does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for payment of the amount due. Customers shall be given the option of making payment of their monthly utility bill via "Cash", "Check", "Bank Draft", "Money Order" or "Electronic Funds Tansfer".

Payment by check which is subsequently returned to the utilities by a bank for insufficiency, or any other reason, which is not made good on or before the due date, shall not constitute timely payment of a bill shall be assessed late payment penalties as set forth in Section 11.01.150 (2), and may be subject to possible termination of utility services. Further, a returned check charge shall be made by the utilities against the Customer's utility account as set forth in Section 11.01.150 (5).

Upon providing the Utility Business Office with an authorization to make an "Electronic Funds Transfer" from their Financial Institution's checking or savings account, said transfers will commence on the due date as stated on the bill, following a reasonable time necessary to act on said authorization. A depository shall be chosen by the Utility Service Board as the processing bank taking into account the amount of monthly transaction fee, any other applicable fees, and the quality of service provided by said bank. The choice as to processing bank shall be reviewed periodically by reviewing the amount of monthly transaction fee, any other applicable fees, and the quality of service provided by said bank. All monthly transaction and/or processing fees, established by the processing bank, shall be added to the Customer's monthly bill and will be paid to the processing bank. Should the Customer's chosen bank account become inactive, closed, or contain insufficient funds to cover the amount of the "Electronic Funds Transfer", the Customer's utility account shall be charged the returned check charge as set forth in Section 11.01.150 (5), the Customer's authorization to make the "Electronic Funds Transfer" shall be terminated; and, the Customer's utility account shall be considered unpaid on the due date, shall be assessed late payment penalties, and may be subject to possible termination of utility services. The Customer shall have the right to terminate the authorization at any time by written instruction to the Utility Business Office, and the Utility Business Office shall honor said written instruction following a rasonable time necessary to act on same.